

# Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing

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## Section 1: Introduction

### About Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing

Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing is a non-profit division of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA), as sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee.

**Mission:** Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing is dedicated to the training and development of competitive skiers.

**Organizing Committee:** The Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Competition Committee (EFCC) is a group of volunteers, both elected and appointed that administer Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing.

**Events:** Competitions in the USSA Freestyle disciplines of aerials, moguls and dual moguls and in the USSA Freeskiing disciplines of half pipe and slopestyle (including big air, rail jams and slopestyle) are hosted at major resorts across the Northeast in Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont.

**Competition Series:** There are two series run in Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing – the EQS “B” Series and the ECS “A” Series.

The Eastern Qualifier Series (EQS), the "B" level, is open to all age groups, but is specifically designed for 7 to 14 year olds and entry-level skiers. The EQS Series offers fun, age-class competition. It is the series where we educate athletes, parents, coaches and officials. The EQS Series is divided into three regions: Western, Central and Eastern. The regions were created to allow the young athletes to compete without significant travel. The EQS, "B" level events, qualify athletes for the State Championships (formerly Regional Finals) and EQS Championships ("B-Easterns"). The EQS level requires a USSA youth license, unless the competitor is older than 12. The events in this series are scored to the Eastern Points List.

The Eastern Championship Series (ECS), the "A" level is designed for the older, more experienced athlete. There is an overlap in age groups between EQS and ECS, as the "A" level supports 13 to 18 year olds and all veteran skiers. The ECS qualifies skiers for national level events: Juniors Olympics, Junior Worlds, US Freestyle Championships and the US Selection Events. Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing has produced many US Freestyle Ski Team, US Freeskiing Team, US Open and X-Game podium winners and Olympic athletes. The ECS level requires a full USSA license. The events in this series are scored to the national points list (FSP). This FSP is available at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org). The athlete and their coach should make the decision on which series to ski in. Athletes who are younger than 13 must have their coach appeal to the EFCC, Appeals Sub-Committee Chair for inclusion in the ECS mogul and dual mogul events.

## How to Get Involved?

### Athletes

1. Join USSA - Join the USSA at the national and divisional level to gain access to competitions in your sport both in your home area and nationally.
2. Join a Club - Join a USSA Competition Club to get the best professional coaching and logistical support.
3. Compete - Pick the proper competition programs for your age and ability. You will find registration information on the divisional web sites. USSA's divisional programs (The EQS "B" level) offer introductory 'non-scored' competitions for youth beginning competitors. But for advancement in your sport, make sure to take part in USSA scored competitions, with your USSA Competitor membership, to improve your ranking.
4. Eastern Ranking – Compete in EQS non-scored competitions to gain Eastern ranking on Eastern Points List. (EPL)
5. USSA Ranking - Compete in USSA scored competitions to gain a USSA ranking, which will be used within your divisional program for advancement up the USSA Athlete Development Pipeline.
6. FIS Registration - As you advance up the pipeline with your USSA ranking, you may be eligible for ranking on the International Ski Federation (FIS) ranking list. Check with your club coach or divisional contact for more information. FIS registration is simple and can be managed directly with USSA. You can monitor your FIS ranking or print a FIS registration form on the USSA website.
7. Team Selection - As you continue to advance, your USSA ranking may qualify you for a divisional team - perhaps to the Junior Olympics or the U.S. National Championships, and eventually the U.S. Ski Team or Olympic Team!

### Coaches

1. Join USSA - Join the USSA at the national level to become a coach.
2. Take a USSA Coaches' clinic – Move through the different levels of certification by attending clinics and completing intern hours.

### Officials

**Getting Started:** Why become a USSA judge or official? Taking part as a competition judge or official is exciting -- it brings you into the heart of the action! And it's a way of helping the thousands of young athletes who enter USSA competitions to have fun and to achieve personal goals.

It's simple to get started. Just join the USSA as an official. And work with your local USSA Division to participate in clinics and to volunteer at an entry-level position.

Who becomes a USSA judge or official? Oftentimes it starts with parents of young athletes who want to be more actively involved. Former athletes and coaches are also great candidates with their background in the sport. But it can be anyone who has an interest in helping young athletes and playing an important role in their success.

#### **What Do Judges and Officials Do?**

Judges and officials ensure that USSA competitions run efficiently and fairly by the rules. They are responsible for the safe conduct of the event and the accurate timing, judging and scoring. They also play a key role in ensuring that the spirit of the sport and competition is maintained.

In the end, judges and officials are responsible for providing the best possible experience for USSA athletes.

**Advancement:** Judges and officials are a lot like athletes. Once you start, you'll want to increase your level of expertise. The USSA offers a wide range of local, divisional and regional clinics where you can learn new skills and take on new positions.

Various levels of officials' certification are offered by the USSA in each of its sports programs.

As you grow in experience as a USSA judge or official, you may want to consider becoming certified

internationally as a FIS (International Ski Federation) judge or official. FIS officials work international events domestically, and may be considered for international assignments.

## Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Competition Committee (EFCC)

The best form of communication is email! We ask for your support, patience and understanding as we are a basically a group of volunteers that support the division.

### Contact Information

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<b>Member at Large</b>	Dean Goodermote	dgoodermote@yahoo.com	

### The Responsibilities of EFCC Members

#### Chairperson

- Responsible for overseeing all facets of Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing.
- Sends a weekly newsletter in season and updates member with news and information.
- Represents Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing at USSA Congress.
- Organizes the EFCC Annual Meeting and Agenda.
- Produces a competition schedule that is fair and in the best interests of Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing.
- Handles all communication with the mountains in respect to scheduling their events.
- Keeps track of the EQS and ECS Championship rotational schedules.
- Position elected by Eastern division membership, serves a two-year term.

#### Vice-Chairperson

- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Helps to maintain the division web site.
- Handles on-line registration by establishing a working relationship with the internet company, providing all specific information of the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing event schedule, monitoring the payments made to the Eastern Office, and acting as the liaison between the company and the EFCC and athletes.
- Maintains Eastern Points List.
- Publishes and handles the invitation/alternate process for EQS State Championships, EQS B Championships and ECS Championships.
- Appointed by Chairperson.

#### Coaches, Eastern Sub-Committee Chair

- Represents the Eastern coaches at the USSA and EFCC meetings.
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ensures that fall and spring clinics are held and that the membership is informed of their occurrence.
- Position elected by constituency, serves a two-year term.

#### Judges, Eastern Sub-Committee Chair

- Represents the Eastern judges at USSA Congress and EFCC meetings.

- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ensures that fall and spring clinics are held and that the membership is informed of their occurrence.
- Schedules all judging assignments for the Eastern schedule, as well as, at the national and international level.
- Position elected by constituency, serves a two-year term.

#### *Rules and Technical, Eastern Sub-Committee Chair*

- Represents the Eastern technical delegates at the USSA and EFCC meetings
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Ensures that fall and spring clinics are held and that the membership is informed of their occurrence.
- Schedules all technical delegate assignments for the Eastern schedule, as well as, at the national and international level.
- Position elected by constituency, serves a two-year term.

#### *ECS Athlete Representative*

- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Represents Eastern athletes at the EFCC meetings
- Position elected by constituency, serves a two-year term.

#### *EQS Athlete Representative*

- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Represents Eastern athletes at the EFCC meetings
- Position elected by constituency, serves a two-year term.

#### *Selections/Appeals Sub-Committee*

- Handles all appeals made to the EFCC Appeals sub-committee.
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Presents a report to EFCC Annual Meeting of summary of appeals granted and denied.
- Vice-Chair and the Rules and Technical Chairs serve on this committee.

#### *Technology/Scoring*

- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Represents the Eastern scorers at the EFCC meetings.
- Monitors the FSP on a weekly basis to ensure that all Eastern events are not only scored, but accurately scored.
- Provides scoring clinics when necessary.
- Appointed by Eastern Chairman.

#### *Programs/ECS*

- Represents the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing full-time Programs and part time Programs as they relate to the ECS at the EFCC meetings
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Monitors the ECS and ensures that it is progressing in a positive manner for the athletes.
- Should correspond with all Eastern Program Directors and ECS Head Coaches on a frequent basis to discuss issues at hand
- Appointed by Eastern Chairman.

#### *Development/EQS*

- Represents the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Full-Time Programs and Weekend Programs as they relate to the EQS at the EFCC meetings
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Monitors the EQS and ensures that it is progressing in a positive manner for the athletes.
- Should correspond with all Eastern Program Directors and EQS Head Coaches on a frequent basis to discuss issues at hand
- Appointed by Eastern Chairman.

#### *Freeskiing*

- Represents freeskiing programs and athletes at the EFCC meetings
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15.

- Monitor free ride events in the East and ensures that they are progressing in a positive manner for the athletes.
- Helps design competition schedule that works with other non-USSA events.
- Appointed by Eastern Chairman

#### *Event Organizer*

- Represents event organizers' interests at the EFCC meetings
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15.
- Should correspond with all Eastern Event Organizers on a frequent basis to discuss issues at hand
- Appointed by Eastern Chairman.

#### *Members-at-Large*

- This (or these) individual (s) are selected to sit on the EFCC based upon their years of experience as former members of the EFCC and active participants in Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing. They are responsible for monitoring all of Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing to ensure that the EFCC is performing its function.
- Provides related items for EFCC Annual Meeting agenda to the Chair by April 15.
- Appointed by Eastern Chairman

## **Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Sub-Contractors**

#### *Eastern Office Manager*

- Employed by USSA
- Manage bank account balances and records
- File Federal and State Tax documents and payments
- Event officials payroll and expense payments
- Budget and payments for event equipment and supplies
- Prize and award distribution
- Office operations and communications

#### *Online Registration*

- Sub-contracted by Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing

#### *Web Site Hosting*

- Sub-contracted by Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing

## **Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Scholarships**

Fall is the best time to request assistance for competitors.

Eastern Amateur Ski Educational Foundation (EASEF) has two groups of scholarships available. Older competitors (Seniors, J1's and J2's) should apply to the EASEF "SteveK Freestyle Endowment Fund" while J3-J5's should apply for funding from the "Philip T. Holmes Freestyle Fund".

EASEF has long been a funding source for all types of amateur skiing sports from Cross Country, Jumping, Alpine, Snowboarding to Freestyle Skiing. Members of the board are from all skiing disciplines and their goal is to support all competitive skiing programs in the East. Support is provided for education, training, and development of athletes and coaches. All support is based on need not success.

SteveK Freestyle Endowment Fund, formerly the Freestyle Endowment Fund was renamed in memory of Steve Kenney a long time supporter of Eastern Freestyle, a Past President of Eastern Freestyle Competition Committee, a coach at Stratton Mountain and a friend and supporter to all Freestyle activities until his untimely death.

Philip T. Holmes Freestyle Fund is named in memory of a combined freestyle competitor from Waterville Valley. His family and friends wanted to ensure that his memory and his love for Freestyle and competition would be remembered and that the sport would be enriched by his memory. This

scholarship is specifically designated to junior athletes and to encourage families to be involved and to support their local programs.

In addition to scholarships, grants are also available from EASEF.

To apply to either fund, please write to Dick Holmes at [dick@HolmesELP.com](mailto:dick@HolmesELP.com).

## **Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Sponsorships**

There are many different sponsorship opportunities available within Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing. Please contact the Eastern Chair if you become aware of any interest in this area.

## **Section 2: USSA Competition Guide - Eastern Division**

*(This section of the handbook is copied from the USSA Competition Guide and is available online at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org). The USSA Competition Guide, available online only as of 2009-2010 season, provides additional information in respect to the rules of freestyle, policies and procedures, domestic, national and international level competition criteria and quota information, etc. You must also read the USSA Competition Guide in order to fully educate yourself about the sport of freestyle.)*

The USSA Freestyle Competition Guide shall ordinarily govern Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing competitions. Rules set down in this section shall, however, supersede the ordinary USSA Rules in the areas to which they apply.

### **USSA Eastern**

#### **General Information**

Eastern Division Freestyle is a non-profit division of the United States Ski and Snowboard Association (USSA), as sanctioned by the United States Olympic Committee. Eastern Division Freestyle is dedicated to the training and development of competitive freestyle and freeride skiers. Competition events are hosted at major resorts across the Northeast in Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont. The Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Competition Committee (EFCC) is a group of volunteers, both elected and appointed, that administer Eastern Division Freestyle. We organize competitions in the USSA Freestyle disciplines of Aerials, Half Pipe, Moguls, Dual Moguls, Skiercross, and Slopestyle (including Big Air, Rail Jams and Slopestyle).

#### **Annual Meeting**

The EFCC shall hold its annual meetings each spring. The time, place and agenda for the meetings will be posted on the Eastern Division website. Agenda items are due two weeks prior to the date of the meetings. The meetings are open to all interested parties. The EFCC also meets at other times with whatever frequency is required for the proper conduct of business. Any member of the freestyle community at large who requires clarification or desires consideration of rule change(s) is urged to contact the Eastern Division Freestyle office or the appropriate member of the EFCC. Contact information for the EFCC is available on the division web site. Only members of the EFCC may vote during the meetings, but participation is encouraged from all present.

#### **Administrative Participation**

Eastern Division Freestyle is dependent upon administrative participation from program directors, event organizers, coaches, former athletes, current parents and former parents. In some scenarios it is required. (All mountains in the East that hold events MUST send a representative to the EFCC annual spring meeting and have a Technical Delegate and a Scorer in the Eastern pool. Lack of participation could jeopardize offending mountains' meet scheduling.) There are many positions to fill and jobs to complete in order to provide our athletes with the best opportunities to achieve their goals and dreams in the sport of freestyle. Please see our *Eastern Division Freestyle Community Handbook* on the division web site. (This is the document.)

## Office

The USSA Eastern Division Freestyle office is the communication center for all USSA Eastern Division information. All inquiries regarding Eastern Division membership, competitions, schedules, selections, etc., should be directed to the office. If the office is unable to provide the requested information, the inquiry will be referred to the appropriate source. Office hours will be published on the Eastern web site. Virtually all division information is also posted on the web at the division's site (see address below). Members should register for the divisional email list at that site to receive notice of schedule changes, meetings and important information.

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## Organization

The EFCC shall consist minimally of:

1. A chairperson elected every two years by USSA Eastern Division freestyle members in accordance with USSA bylaws.
2. Chairperson of the permanent subcommittees (Coaches, Judges and Rules and Technical subcommittees) elected every two years by the appropriate constituencies in accordance with USSA bylaws.
3. Nominations for EFCC elected positions shall be made at the annual meeting, having previously been submitted to the Eastern Office. Elections are held following the annual meeting on even numbered years (2010, 2012, etc.).
4. In addition, the chairperson may establish subcommittees, and appoint chairperson thereof, to serve as members of the EFCC, as deemed necessary by him/her for the conduct of committee business.
5. At his/her discretion the chairperson may also appoint individuals to committee membership either for specific assignments or as members at large.
6. The chairperson shall have the power to act between EFCC meetings in the administration and management of EFCC affairs, especially where the interests of the sport require prompt action. All such actions shall be reported as soon as practical, and must be presented for approval by the EFCC at its next meeting. All EFCC members must be members in good standing of USSA.
7. The EFCC shall take such actions and conduct such affairs, as it deems necessary to further the sport in accordance with the Eastern Division and USSA bylaws. All decisions shall be confirmed by a majority of votes cast by a duly elected recognized quorum present at a meeting announced in writing at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date. A quorum shall be declared in existence when a minimum of 50% of EFCC members is present in person. The EFCC chairperson shall vote only to break ties.
8. The EFCC shall maintain the *Eastern Division Freestyle Community Handbook* each year with changes and updates. It shall be published on the website.

## Competition Rules

### Eastern 1: U.S. Freestyle and U.S. Freeskiing Membership

All competitors in the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing must have a valid youth, rookie or competitor membership in order to compete. Please go to [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org) to sign up for your membership and to learn about memberships.

The Eastern Qualifier Series (EQS - B level) requires only a Freestyle/Freeskiing "youth" membership (unless the competitor turns 12 before Jan. 1 of the competition season, then they would need to purchase a Freestyle/Freeskiing "competitor" membership due to their age).

The Eastern Competition Series (ECS – A level) requires a Freestyle/Freeskiing "rookie" or "competitor" membership as these memberships enable them to be scored to the national points list, the FSP.

All Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing athletes will be charged \$25.00 divisional dues to support the administration of the organization. **Exception:** Any Eastern athlete that registers for US Freeskiing membership only as they plan to participate in only US Freeskiing events outside the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing will not be charged the \$25.00 divisional dues. These memberships **MUST** be upgraded to participate in the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing half pipe and slopestyle competitions, as

well as, Junior Nationals. This can be done when registering for the event via the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing online event registration site or at on-site event registration.

### **Eastern 2: Competitor Responsibility**

All competitors in the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing are responsible for knowing and respecting all USSA rules in respect to U.S. Freestyle, U.S. Freeskiing and the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing rules. Competitors are urged to seek clarification of rules from the appropriate EFCC subcommittee.

### **Eastern 3: Helmets**

All competitors must wear a helmet manufactured for snow sports during competition and official training (see USSA's Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide, 3036.4.1). Helmets that are modified from the manufacturer's specifications are not allowed. Athletes must obtain an appropriate helmet before they can compete.

### **Eastern 4: Registration/Fees/Late Fees**

1. All Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing entry fees for competitions shall be inclusive of lift tickets and subject to price limits promulgated by the EFCC.
2. All Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing competitions require online pre-registration via the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing website: [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org). There is no registration via mail, email, fax or phone. Online registration closes three days prior to the first event of a competition and is noted on each competition's information sheet, available by clicking on the competition on the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Schedule page.
3. Competitors who do not register online and must register on-site will incur the following penalties:
  - a) Athletes will be charged one \$15 late fee per competition (NOT EVENT) upon late registration on-site.
  - b) Additionally, athletes, whose registrations are received after 5 p.m. the day before the event, will be placed at the beginning of the run order in the ECS and at the beginning of their age group in the EQS.
4. ECS Dual Mogul registrations must be received prior to the team leaders' meeting on the afternoon before the day of the dual mogul event. It is the coaches' responsibility to check the registration list at the team leaders' meetings. There will be no changes to the dual run order on the morning of the event, unless the jury finds due cause to make a change. Dual mogul events will be seeded either by a single elimination run on the morning of the event, the immediately preceding mogul event or the then valid dual mogul FSP list at the option of the organizer.
5. Current USFST and USFT members are welcome at all ECS – A level events and are not subject to any pre-registration requirements or the Eastern Division fee. Their participation does not affect quotas.
6. The ceiling price for registration at regular season EQS events will be \$45.00. If an organizer plans on charging more than the ceiling price, a bid package must be presented to the Eastern Chair by Oct 1 for price approval. This bid package is available on the Organizer's page on the division website.
7. Registration for EQS events will be restricted to in-region athletes prior to 6 p.m. on the Monday before the event, at which point registration would be open to all EQS competitors.

### **Eastern 5: Refund Policy**

- Scenario 1: An athlete notifies an event organizer 48 hours prior to the event that they will not compete; the athlete will receive a full refund.
- Scenario 2: An athlete is injured while training, prior to the day of the competition; the athlete will receive a full refund.
- Scenario 3: An athlete is injured on the day of the competition; the athlete will not receive a refund.
- Scenario 4: An event is cancelled at any point on the day of the event; the organizer is not obligated to refund any registration fees.
- Scenario 5: An event cancelled prior to the day of the event, the athlete receives a full refund.

Athletes should send requests for refunds to the event organizers for approval. Once approved, the event organizers shall contact the Eastern Freestyle/Freeskiing office to process. The Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing office will alert the online registration server to issue a credit coupon to the competitor to use for on their next registration online. If coupon is not used by the end of season, then the online registration server will issue a check to the competitor.

### **Eastern 6: Ski Patrol**

Ski patrol must be on site during official aerial training and competition. For halfpipe, slopestyle, mogul and dual mogul events, if ski patrol is not on site, the Technical Delegate (TD) or Chief of Competition must have direct access to a ski patrol radio, and the radio must remain on site during official training and competition and an equipped ski patrol sled must be on site. If a Slopestyle event has a jump, it must have Ski Patrol on site.

### **Eastern 7: Open Events**

All ECS aerial, halfpipe and slopestyle events are open events. There will be no distinction between EQS and ECS skiers. All points will be scored to the USSA national points list, the FSP. Open events will follow ECS rules. Though EQS aerial and slopestyle events are also "open", the event is only scored to the Eastern Points List and only non-FSP ranked athletes will be scored.

### **Eastern 8: Guest Policy**

Competitors and coaches are reminded that they are guests of each mountain during Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing competitions. Their conduct is very important to the image that we project to both the skiing public and the host mountain management. All resort rules must be followed. The competition jury can disqualify any competitor or coach from an event for violating resort rules or state laws. See also, USSA's Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide, Appendix E.

### **Eastern 9: Invitation Procedure for EQS State Championships (formerly EQS Regional Finals), EQS Championships, and ECS Championships**

Lists of qualified participants in each of the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing invitational competitions will be posted on the division website. Each year the EFCC will post dates and deadlines for invitation acceptances for each competition. All invitations are accepted by email and then confirmed by registering for the event online. Invitations expire after the posted deadline. Expired invitations requesting reinstatement will be listed as an alternate with a 12-hour time limit when invited.

### **Eastern 10: Re-runs:**

In the case of a Re-run (Section 3057), if the re-run score is lower, it must be accepted; if it is higher, the jury will make the decision.

### **Eastern 11: Results/Scores**

1. Scores should never be purposely kept from competitors at any point during an event. (There should be no "surprise" factor at the awards ceremony.) Coaches and athletes, at minimum, should be given the opportunity to review scores as soon as possible.
2. It is recommended that scores are printed and posted at least every 15 competitors. It is also recommended that the announcer broadcast athletes' time immediately following their run and their scores when available.
3. The first run scores shall be official when certified by the chief of scoring. No other certification is necessary. The head judge shall certify all scores after the second run.
4. First run scores shall be made available as often as possible and shall be posted in their entirety prior to the second run.
5. Second run scores must be posted for review prior to the awards ceremony.
6. Results of all Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing events will be based on the higher scoring of the two runs for those athletes taking two runs. For all other athletes, results will be based on their first run.
7. Note: Results for Junior Nationals, U.S. Freeskiing events and FIS events are not based on the best of two runs. Each event has a different format for results. See USSA's Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide for more information.

### **Eastern 12: Coaches' Lift Tickets**

1. Program Directors/Head Coaches must submit a list of their traveling competition coaches to the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing office by December 1st. Please send to [chairman@easternfreestyle.org](mailto:chairman@easternfreestyle.org).
2. This list will be available to all event organizers on the website to be used for authorization of coaches' lift tickets.
3. Additions or deletions from this list must be made the Monday prior to an event where you will be staffing new coaches.
4. No tickets will be given to other "coaches".
5. No tickets will be given to coaches that cannot provide proof of current USSA coaches' membership.

## **EASTERN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (ECS) “A” LEVEL**

### **ECS 1: Purpose and Competition Schedule**

The Eastern Championship Series (ECS) exists to provide our A level athletes with competition opportunities. ECS competitions are held for the purpose of qualification to ECS Championships, national (Juniors Nationals, U.S. Championships, and U.S. Selection Events) and international level events (Junior Worlds and the North American Tour, aka “Nor-AMs”), in accordance with the freestyle point system (FSP). Eastern Freestyle/Freeskiing has produced many U.S. Freestyle Ski Team members, U.S. Freeskiing Team members, U.S. Open and X-Game podium winners and Olympic athletes and podium winners.

The ECS competition schedule shall include events in Aerials (Section 4000/6000), Halfpipe (Section 4100/6152), Moguls (Section 4200/6200), Dual Moguls (Section 4300/6300), Slopestyle (Section 4600/6600). It is highly recommended that officials, coaches, parents and athletes review USSA's Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide. Competitions shall consist of one, two or three events held over one, two or three days.

ECS competitions shall be run according to USSA rules and specifications except, as modified hereafter:

### **ECS 2: Age Requirements**

The ECS, “A” level is designed for the older, more experienced athlete. The ECS “A” level supports J3 to J1 (13 to 18 year-olds), Seniors (19 to 24) and Veterans (24 and up) athletes, where as the EQS “B” level supports J6 to J3 and entry-level, J1-J2 athletes. The athletes and their coaches should make the decision as to which series is appropriate for the athlete to ski in. Athletes who are younger than 13 by Jan. 1 of the competition season and wish to compete in ECS moguls/dual mogul events must have their coach appeal to the EFCC, Appeals Sub-Committee Chair for inclusion in ECS mogul and dual mogul events. Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing allows a one-time visit to ECS to compete in a mogul and dual mogul event. Athletes maintain B Championship eligibility if participation is limited to no more than one ECS mogul and one dual mogul result during the season. Athletes maintain B Championship eligibility with participation in all ECS Aerial, Halfpipe and Slopestyle competitions.

### **ECS 3: Athlete Ranking/FSP Points List**

ECS athletes are ranked on the USSA national points list, the FSP, available at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org). To learn more about athlete ranking and the FSP points list, please see Chapter 2 in USSA's Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide.

### **ECS 4: ECS Championships**

The ECS Championship shall be scheduled to occur after the regular season is completed and shall consist of aerials, dual moguls, half pipe, moguls and slopestyle allowing two runs in each event. Based on scheduling necessity, the events do not have to fall on consecutive days. The best performing male and female competitors in the ECS Championships, in each event, will be named the Eastern “Event” Champion (i.e. Eastern Mogul Champion). The ECS Championships must be held two weeks or more prior to the U.S. Freestyle Championships.

### **ECS 6: Quotas**

**Regular Season Quotas:** ECS (“A” level) competitions shall be limited to 100 athletes in slopestyle and 170 athletes in moguls and dual moguls unless otherwise indicated on the official event schedule and approved by the EFCC. There is no quota established for aerials and halfpipe at this time. The EFCC may reserve spots for new recipients of ECS memberships (former EQS competitors). Any competition that allows more than the specified number of competitors in an event will be subject to a penalty equal to the entry fee for each competitor over the quota plus a \$100.00 fine per day.

**US Freestyle Ski Team and US Freeskiing Team Policy:** Current members are welcome at all ECS events and are not subject to any pre-registration requirements and are considered participants above and beyond the quota.

**ECS Championships:** The ECS Championships shall be limited to 60 in slopestyle, 60 in halfpipe, 80 in moguls and 80 in dual moguls (currently no limit in inverted aerials) based on the national point system (FSP) using the best two results (three for moguls) of the season. The Selections/Appeals subcommittee will determine the ratio of males/females based on the male/female ratio of eastern division competitors. Invitation information can be found under Eastern 9.

**Appeals/Discretion:** The Selections/Appeals subcommittee is empowered to fill up to 20% of the allocated spots with competitors who do not meet the performance requirements for good and compelling reason. These include but are not limited to illness, injury, serious personal problems or membership on a national team. A competitor seeking a discretionary spot must apply, in writing, to the Selections/Appeals subcommittee at least one week prior to the announcement of invitations. Competitors seeking discretionary spots to the eastern division championships on the basis of USFST or USFT membership must apply, in writing, to the Selections/Appeals subcommittee no later than seven days prior to the ECS Championships.

### **ECS 7: Forerunners**

**Regular Season:** Forerunners, 2 male and 2 female, should be selected from the prior event's results and named prior to the end of registration on the morning of the event. If the athletes qualifying for these foreruns (due to their results from the weekend before) decline the forerun officially upon check-in on the morning of the event, then the TD may select forerunners.

**ECS Championships:** Forerunners, 3 male and 3 female, from the points list used for invitations, shall be invited to forerun ECS Championships. If the athletes qualifying for these foreruns decline the forerun officially upon check-in on the morning of the event, then the TD may select forerunners.

### **ECS 8: Start Orders**

Regular Season:

1. Run orders are to be random, with men and women running separately. Women will run first in the East unless there is a compelling reason voted on by the jury for men to go first. There will be no changes to this decision after one hour prior to the start.
2. There will be no more than 170 runs total in an event, except reruns. The number of skiers in the second run will be determined by subtracting the number of skiers in the first run from 170. Because of weather conditions or conflicts with other events, the jury can elect to use a lower number of skiers in the second run. The number of skiers in the second run, by sex, must be announced prior to the start of the competition. Provisional second runs will not be counted in the totals and will be above the field. The ratio of male to female skiers in the second run shall be the same as in the first run. Juries are allowed to make changes based on current circumstances. The recommended protocol at every meet is to publish the anticipated performance cut on the run order.
3. All mogul events will be run in the elimination (performance cut) format even when all competitors receive two runs. The start order for the second run shall be seeded according to the order of finish of the first run as follows: for women, the top eight finishers from the first run shall run in reverse order followed by the remaining women making the cut in the order of finish. For men, the top sixteen finishers from the first run shall run in reverse order followed by the remaining men making the cut in the order of finish.

**ECS Championships:** The start orders will be run the same as regular season start orders, except all competitors receive two runs. Second run start order shall be a performance seed. Dual Mogul events will be seeded from the points list used to qualify for the championship event.

### **ECS 9: Awards**

**Regular Season:** Awards shall be presented to the top ten overall finishers male and female for each individual event without regard to age group for all events except dual moguls where awards for the top eight finishers should be awarded. Awards shall be provided for the top three male and female competitors based on combined scores (combined being based on all events held at a competition) in all competitions holding more than one event. The quality of the combined awards is at the discretion of the event organizer. Team awards are not required, though host clubs may elect to manually determine a team award.

**ECS Championships:** Overall trophies will be awarded to the top ten places for each event and combined for both men and women. Awards for ECS Championships shall be of higher quality than regular season. They should be trophies or medals (NOT RIBBONS).

**ECS End of the Season Awards:** At the ECS Championships the following awards will need to be determined by an EFCC representative. Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing provides the actual trophies. If you are hosting ECS Championships, please contact the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Chair to discuss.

1. ECS Mogul, Aerial, Slopestyle and Halfpipe MVP: Highest FSP ranked male and female athletes including results from ECS Championships
2. ECS Mogul, Aerial, Slopestyle and Halfpipe Rookie: Highest FSP ranked new male and female athletes to the ECS level including results from ECS Championships

3. ECS Mogul, Aerial, Slopestyle and Halfpipe Most Improved: The male and female athletes that moved the most spots on the FSP from the Fall List to List #3 including results from ECS Championships.

### **ECS 10: Spins Greater than 720, Inverted Jumps and Off-Axis Tricks**

Athletes and coaches are held responsible for the following rules. The competition jury may disqualify (DSQ) an athlete for attempting or executing a jump if the act is determined to be a deliberate violation of these rules. The Jury should refer to Rule 3059 and recommend sanctions to the EFCC.

1. For **ECS aerial, dual mogul and mogul events** any athletes performing spins greater than 720, inverted jumps and off-axis tricks must have these maneuvers qualified in accordance with the current USSA rules (Section 3070 in the USSA Competition Guide) and must have a USSA Level 2 aerial or higher certified coach present.
2. For **ECS aerial, dual mogul and mogul events** any athletes performing spins greater than 720, inverted jumps and off-axis tricks must have these maneuvers listed on the USSA Jump Qualification List, available at [www.easternfreestyle.org](http://www.easternfreestyle.org).
3. For **ECS slopestyle and halfpipe events** athletes may perform any maneuver.
4. If the Technical Delegate deems the situation unsafe; the site not appropriate; the athlete having problems with the jump, then the TD may exclude the jump from the competition.

### **ECS 11: Bibs**

Competition bibs are issued to all ECS competitors at their first event of the season. Bibs carry over year to year, unless the competitor shows the need for a new one due to wear and tear. Bibs must be worn during training and competition and must be visible and readable at all times while on course. Replacement bibs are \$25. Loaner bibs are available for a weekend with a \$20 deposit and a fee of \$5.

### **ECS 12: Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Wild Cards to U.S. Championships**

Wild card spots will be awarded to the U.S. Freestyle Championships events to the top finishers in the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Championship's corresponding events to those athletes that are not otherwise invited to the U.S. Freestyle Championships according to the qualification procedure set by the national governing body. Invitations are posted on the USSA website. The highest finishing combined athlete (both men and women) from the Eastern Championships for moguls, half pipe and aerials will be named the Eastern Champion and will be granted a spot to those disciplines at Junior Nationals above the invitation quota.

### **ECS 13: National Level Competitions**

Junior Nationals, U.S. Freestyle Championships ("Nationals"), U.S. Selection Events:

1. Quota and Notification Procedure: Please see National and International Programs section of the USSA's Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide.

Junior Worlds, North American Tour (NorAms)

1. Quota and Notification Procedure: Please see National and International Programs section of the USSA's Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide.

## **EASTERN QUALIFER SERIES (EQS) "B" LEVEL**

### **EQS 1 Purpose and Competition Schedule**

The Eastern Qualifier Series (EQS) exists to promote the sport of freestyle and freeskiing at the B level. The EQS Series serves to educate entry-level skiers, officials, judges, coaches and parents. The EQS Series competition schedule shall include events in Big Air/Aerials (Section 4000/6000), Moguls (Section 4200/6200), and Slopestyle (Section 4600/6600). It is highly recommended that officials, coaches, parents and athletes review the USSA Freestyle and US Freeskiing Competition Guide Sections. The EQS competitions are also held for the purpose of qualifying competitors to the EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals) and EQS Championships ("B-Easterns"). These events provide our proficient EQS athletes an experience with championship-level events. Competitions shall consist of one, two or three events held over one or two days. EQS competitions shall be run according to USSA rules and specifications except, as modified hereafter:

## **EQS 2: Age Requirements**

The EQS is a format designed for entry-level skiers, basically 7 to 14 year olds (J3 to J6), though it is open to all age groups at this time. This series provides age group awards in moguls, big air/aerials, slopestyle, and combined. Entry-level J1 and J2 skiers may participate in EQS skiing and are included in the overall awards for moguls, big air/aerials, slopestyle, and combined but not in age group awards.

Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing will now allow a one-time visit to ECS to compete in a mogul and dual mogul event. Athletes maintain B Championship eligibility if participation is limited to no more than one ECS mogul and one dual mogul result during the season. Athletes maintain B Championship eligibility with participation in all ECS Aerial, Halfpipe and Slopestyle competitions.

## **EQS 3: Athlete Ranking / EQS Eastern Points List**

1. All points acquired competing in an EQS meet will be reflected on the Eastern Points List (EPL). The EPL is the athlete ranking system for the EQS. (Though EQS events are sanctioned by USSA, EQS events are considered “non-scored” USSA events and are not reflected on the USSA points list.) The EPL is updated on a weekly basis during the competition season. It is available on the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing website [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org).

2. EQS Mogul and Slopestyle Athlete Points Formula: The winner of each event earns 100 points on the EQS Eastern Points List (EPL's). All of the competitors in that event are given EPL's in the same proportion to the winner's EPL's that their score was to the winner's score. For example, if the winner's score is 18.25, then they would receive 100 points. If another athlete's score is 16.25 then they would receive 89 points.  $[(16.25 / 18.25) * 100 \text{ points} = 89 \text{ points}]$ .

3. EQS Big Air/Aerial Athlete Points Formula: Points for Big Air/Aerial events are determined using the athletes' score.

3. EQS Athlete Ranking: Mogul athletes' ranking will be based on the average of the points from their 2 best events through EQS State Championships (Formerly Regional Finals) and then based on their 3 best events to qualify for EQS Championships. Big air/aerial and slopestyle athletes' rankings will be based on the average of their 2 best events.

## **EQS 4: Regional Assignments**

1. The EQS shall be divided into the Eastern, Western, and Central Regions. Athletes may compete at any EQS event regardless of their assigned regional association during the regular season though it is not encouraged to compete across regions. (See Eastern 4: Registration/Fees/Late Fees for new policy in respect to “outside of region participation”.) Athletes may only compete in their respective EQS State Championships (Formerly Regional Finals). Please check your regional assignment on the EPL prior to March 1st.

The regional designations are determined for each athlete according to his/her program affiliation and are as follows:

Eastern Region: NH, MA, ME

Central Region: VT

Western Region; NY, PA, NJ

## **EQS 5: EQS State Championships (Formerly Regional Finals) / EQS Championships**

1. The EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals) shall be scheduled to occur after the regular season is completed and shall consist of two days of competition allowing two runs in each event. Saturday is suggested as the day to hold aerials and slopestyle.

2. The EQS Championships shall consist of big air/aerials, slopestyle and moguls. The EQS Championships shall be scheduled to occur after EQS State Championships (Formerly Regional Finals) and will consist of three days of competition allowing for two runs in each event. The best performing male and female competitors in the EQS Championships, in each event, will be named the EQS “Event” Champion (i.e. EQS Mogul Champion).

## **EQS 6: Quotas**

**Regular Season:** For regular season EQS events, a registration cut-off will be implemented to allow for two runs for all athletes. EQS regular season separate day competitions shall be limited to 100 for moguls, 90 for big air/aerials and 90 for slopestyle unless otherwise indicated on the official event schedule and approved by the EFCC. On double event days, the quotas for each event will be limited to 60 competitors in each event. Any competition that allows more than the specified number of competitors in an event will be subject to a penalty equal to the entry fee for each competitor over the quota plus a \$100.00 fine per day. The cut-off for each event quota will be managed through the event

registration website. Registration for EQS events will be restricted to in-region athletes prior to 6 p.m. on the Monday before the event, at which point registration would be open to all EQS competitors.

**EQS State Championships (Formerly Regional Finals):** The quotas for the EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals) shall be limited to 70 big air/aerials, 50 slopestyle and 100 moguls in each region. The invitation ratio of males to females will be based on the male/female ratio of EQS competitors as determined by the Selections/Appeals subcommittee. The top four finishing males and the top two finishing females in each Regional Final event per region that do not otherwise qualify for the EQS Championships via the Eastern Points List will receive wild card spots to the EQS Championships. Invitations and the procedure to accept or decline spots to the EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals) will be posted at [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org).

**EQS Championships:** The quota of competitors for each event including the wild card spots shall be: 90 big air/aerials, 90 slopestyle, and 100 moguls. Each region will have 4 male and 2 female wild card spots to assign at each event of EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals). In the event a region is unable to host EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals) the wild card spots will be chosen from the Eastern Points List, by region. The invitation ratio of males to females will be based on the male/female ratio of EQS competitors as determined by the Selections/Appeals subcommittee. The top four finishing males and the top two finishing females in each event per region from Regional Finals that do not otherwise qualify for the EQS Championships via the Eastern Points List will get the wild card spots to the EQS Championships. Invitations and procedure to accept or decline spots to the EQS Championships will be posted at [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org).

**Appeals/Discretion:** The Selections/Appeals subcommittee is empowered to fill up to 20% of the allocated spots with competitors who do not meet the performance requirements for good and compelling reason. These include but are not limited to illness, injury, serious personal problems or membership on a national team. A competitor seeking a discretionary spot must apply, in writing, to the Selections/Appeals subcommittee at least one week prior to the announcement of invitations.

#### **EQS 7: Forerunners**

**Regular Season:** Forerunners, 2 male and 2 female, should be selected from the prior event's results and named prior to the end of registration on the morning of the event. If the athletes qualifying for these foreruns (due to their results from the weekend before) decline the forerun officially upon check-in on the morning of the event, then the TD may select forerunners.

**EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals):** Forerunners, 3 male and 3 female, should be selected from the Eastern Points List (EPL) used to generate the invitations. If the athletes qualifying for the forerun decline the forerun officially upon check-in on the morning of the event, then the TD may select forerunners.

**EQS Championships:** Forerunners, 3 male and 3 female, should be selected from the Eastern Points List (EPL) used to generate the invitations. If the athletes qualifying for the forerun decline the forerun officially upon check-in on the morning of the event, then the TD may select forerunners.

#### **EQS 8: Start Orders**

**Regular Season:** All regular season mogul, big air/aerial and slopestyle events shall be run in order of age group beginning with the J6 age group and proceeding upwards. Males and females shall run separately within age groups, females first. The second run start order will be the same as the first run start order. The best scored run counts for awards.

**Late Entries:** Late entries shall run at the beginning of the appropriate age group.

**Athletes Missing:** Athletes missing from the run order due to the organizer error shall run at the end of their age groups.

**Big Air/Aerials:** EQS big air/aerial events shall consist of a minimum of two practice jumps and two competition jumps where the best jump counts.

**Double Event Days:** Everyone skis two runs, the second run start order will be the same as the first run start order, and the best scored run counts for awards. This is an exception to the Eastern 13: 170 max-run per event rule.

**EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals):** The EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals) start orders will be random by gender without regard to age groups. Everyone will have two runs; this is an exception to the Eastern 13: 170 max-run per event rule. The second run order for big air/aerials and slopestyle shall be the same as the first run. The second run for moguls shall be a "performance-seeded" start order.

**EQS Championships:** Start orders for EQS Championships shall be random by gender without regard to age groups. Everyone has two runs: This is an exception to the Eastern 13: 170 run max-run per

event rule. The second run order for big air/ aerals and slopestyle shall be the same as the first run. The second run for moguls shall be a “performance-seeded” start order.

### **EQS 9: Awards**

**Regular Season:** For each regular season event, organizers will award ribbons, medals or trophies to the top 3 places in each age group J3-J6, male and female. Participation ribbons may be given to J5s and MUST be given to all J6 male and female. Overall places should be awarded medals or trophies for the top 3 places male and female, not ribbons. J1 and J2 skiers are to be included in the overall results. Awards shall be provided for the top three male and female competitors based on the combined scores (“combined” being based on all events held at a competition) in all competitions holding more than one event. The quality of the combined awards is at the discretion of the event organizer. Team awards are not required, though host clubs may elect to manually determine a team award.

**EQS State Championships (formerly known as EQS Regional Finals):** For each event trophies should be awarded to the top ten places overall male and female. Combined trophies should be awarded to top three places overall male and female. There are no age group awards.

**EQS Championships:** Overall trophies will be awarded to the top ten places for each event and combined for both men and women. No age group awards will be given. The Philip Holmes Sportsmanship award (provided by Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing) shall be presented to the J3-J6 skier that displays good sportsmanship. Certificates or ribbons recognizing participation shall be given to all J5 and J6 skiers. Combined skiers may receive a participation ribbon, as well.

### **EQS 10: Spins Greater than 900, Inverted Jumps and Off-Axis Tricks**

Athletes and coaches are held responsible for the following rules. The competition jury may disqualify (DSQ) an athlete for attempting or executing a jump if the act is determined to be a deliberate violation of these rules. The Jury should refer to Rule 3059 and recommend sanctions to the EFCC.

1. For **EQS big air/aerial events** any athletes performing spins greater than 900, inverted jumps and off-axis tricks must have these maneuvers qualified in accordance with the current USSA rules (Section 3070 in the USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide) and must have a USSA Level 2 aerial or higher certified coach present.

2. For **EQS big air/aerial events** any athletes performing spins greater than 900, inverted jumps and off-axis tricks must have these maneuvers listed on the USSA Freestyle Jump Qualification List, available at [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org).

3. For **EQS mogul events** athletes may not perform spins greater than 720, inverted jumps or off-axis tricks. *Reminder: EQS mogul athletes are invited to participate in one mogul and one dual mogul event at the ECS level each year.*

4. For **EQS slopestyle events** any athletes performing spins greater than 900 and off-axis tricks must have their maneuvers qualified by a USSA Level 2 or higher coach. If the athlete does not have the maneuvers qualified, then they must have a USSA Level 2 aerial coach or higher present at the event to represent them.

5. For **EQS slopestyle events** any athletes wishing to compete spins greater than 900 or off-axis tricks must perform these maneuvers during official training.

6. If the Technical Delegate deems the situation unsafe; the site not appropriate; the athlete having problems with the jump, then the TD may exclude the jump from the competition.

### **EQS 11: Bibs**

Event organizers provide athletes with competition bibs at each event. The event organizers will ask for the competitor’s USSA card or \$20 for a deposit in exchange for the bib at registration. Bibs MUST be returned at the end of the competition. Some organizers may ask for the bibs to be returned after each day’s event.

### **EQS 12: Venues**

1. EQS moguls and big air/aerials: Technical Specifications see, Appendix B, USSA Freestyle/Freeskiing Competition Guide.

2. EQS slopestyle: Technical Specifications see Appendix A, USSA Freestyle and US Freeskiing Competition Guide.

### **EQS 13: Loss of Ski**

A maximum of 30 seconds shall be allowed for loss of ski (s) in moguls. In the event the 30 seconds is exceeded or the run is not continued the run shall be scored to the loss of ski (s).

#### **EQS 14: Pace Times**

The pace time will be based on a speed of 7.0 meters/seconds for men and 6.2 meters/seconds for women. (May: 2011) EQS pace times will be evaluated on yearly basis at the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Annual Spring Meeting.

#### **EQS 15: Judging**

1. EQS events may use a minimum of two judges with the exception of EQS Championships, where the minimum is three judges.
2. In EQS mogul events jumps may be repeated, though when a competitor repeats the same jump, only the best-scored jump will count from each air judge. The jump combination in a run of a "spread" and "kossack" is considered to be EXACTLY the same and only one jump will be scored.
3. There shall be no restrictions on the grab: It may be performed as a single maneuver.
4. In EQS big air/aerial events jumps may not be repeated. Jumps must be called down to the head judge. Calling down jumps in EQS Aerials is merely to help educate the athletes and judges. If an athlete does not perform the jump called down, the judges will score the jump performed with no deductions.

#### **EQS 16: Open Events**

Most EQS aerial and slopestyle events are "open", the event is only scored to the Eastern Points List and only non-FSP ranked athletes will be scored. In the event that an event organizer hosts a traditional aerial event with a single kicker, athletes with a USSA Competitor license may also have their results submitted to the USSA National Points List, the FSP.

## **Section 3: Community Member Responsibilities**

Our season starts May 1<sup>st</sup> each year and ends April 30<sup>th</sup>. We have put together a list of responsibilities, many mandated by the EFCC for our Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing community members to guide them through the year.

### **Annual Timeline for Event Organizers**

#### *May: Annual EFCC Spring Meeting, Preliminary Event Scheduling, USSA Congress*

- By May 1<sup>st</sup> send the Eastern Office an email confirmation of the upcoming season's event dates and schedule as listed on Google calendar.
- Send a mountain representative to the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Spring Meeting.
- The USSA Congress occurs in May where the national Freestyle-Freeskiing Sport Committee (FFSC) meets to discuss governance and rules of the sport. Watch for minutes from the meeting on the USSA web site to read about changes that could affect event budgeting.

#### *June to August: USSA Club Renewals, Vacation Time*

- Make sure to renew your USSA Club membership.

#### *September: Event Budgeting, Event Excessive Fee & Web Site Follow Up*

- Finalize event budgeting.
- Send Event Excessive Fee Requests to Eastern Chair for approval if necessary, available online and in Appendix of this handbook. See *Eastern 4* in the Eastern Rules Section of the USSA Competition Guide for fee limitations.
- If your event pricing exceeds the limitations, then the fee is due by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration.
- Be sure your mountain's contact, competition coach, and event information are correct on the division website.

#### *October: Schedule Agreements, Updated Community Handbook, USSA Competition Guide*

- Complete USSA Schedule Agreements, available online at USSA.
- Watch for new rules and procedures in the mail for updated Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Community Handbook (also available online at [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org))
- Check for new rules and procedures in the USSA Competition Guide (available online at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)).

#### *November: Schedule Agreements, EFCC Fall Conference Call*

- Send a copy of your completed USSA Schedule Agreements to the Eastern Office by Dec 1. This copy is due by December 1<sup>st</sup> or the mountain is subject to an additional \$50 processing fee. Payment will automatically be deducted from your Online Reimbursement.
- A mountain representative must participate in the Eastern Fall Conference Call.

#### *December to March: Events*

- See Eastern Event Prep section in handbook.

#### *April: Agenda Items for Eastern Meeting and Online Reimbursements*

- Send any agenda items to the EFCC Event Organizer Sub-Committee Chair by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ensure that all Online Reimbursements have been received from Eastern Office.

## **Annual Timeline for Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Program Directors/Coaches**

#### *May: Annual EFCC Spring Meeting, Preliminary Event Scheduling and the USSA Congress*

- By May 1<sup>st</sup> be sure your Event Organizer has sent the Eastern Office an email confirmation of the upcoming season's event dates and schedule as listed on Google calendar.
- It is recommended that you attend the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Spring Meeting with your mountain's Event Organizer. Remember all mountains are required to send at least ONE representative.
- The USSA Congress occurs in May where the Freestyle-Freeskiing Sport Committee (FFSC) meets to discuss governance and rules of the sport. Watch for minutes from the meeting on the USSA web site to read about changes that may affect athletic management plans.

#### *June to August: USSA Club Renewals, Summer Camps and Vacation Time*

- Send a reminder to team to renew USSA memberships, as well as, your own.

#### *September: Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Web Site Follow Up*

- Be sure your mountain's contact, competition coach list, and event information are correct on the division website.

#### *October: Updated Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Community Handbook and USSA Competition Guide*

- Check for new rules and procedures in updated Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Community Handbook (available online at [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org))
- Check for new rules and procedures in the USSA Competition Guide (available online at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)).

#### *November: EFCC Fall Conference Call, Competition Coach Lists and USSA Follow-up*

- A mountain representative must participate in the Eastern Fall Conference Call.
- Be sure your competition coach list is accurate.

#### *December to March: Events*

- See Eastern Event Prep section in handbook.

## **Annual Timeline for Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Officials**

#### *May: Closing the Books, EFCC Annual Meeting and the USSA Congress*

- Send any final requests for reimbursement to your respective EFCC sub-committee chair.
- Technical Delegates: By May 1<sup>st</sup> send TD Sub-Committee Chair any final TD reports.
- The USSA Congress occurs in May where the Freestyle-Freeskiing Sport Committee (FFSC) meets to discuss governance and rules of the sport. Watch for minutes from the meeting on the USSA web site to read about changes to rules.

#### *June to August: USSA Renewals, Vacation Time*

- Make sure to renew your USSA membership.

*September: Registering for Officials' Clinics*

- Start looking for Officials' Clinic information and register when possible.

*October and November: Officials Clinics, Updated Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Community Handbook and USSA Competition Guide*

- Attend fall clinics.
- Check for new rules and procedures in updated Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Community Handbook (available online at [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org))
- Check for new rules and procedures in the USSA Competition Guide (available online at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)).

*December to March is for Events.*

- See Eastern Event Prep section in handbook.

*April is for Agenda Items for Eastern Meeting*

- Send any agenda items to the EFCC Technical Delegate Sub-Committee Chair by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Annual Timeline for Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Parents/Athletes**

*May: EFCC Annual Meeting and the USSA Congress*

- The EFCC Annual Meeting and the USSA Congress occur in May where groups meet to discuss governance and rules of the sport. Watch for minutes from the meetings on the division web site to read about changes.
- Make sure to renew your USSA membership.

*June to September: Dryland and Summer Camps*

- Check out the division web site for many dryland and summer camp opportunities.

*October and November: Register for programs, Volunteer Opportunities, Rule Updates*

- Be sure to get your registrations for winter programs processed so appropriate staff may be hired.
- Parents should look into volunteer opportunities with Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing and their home mountains.
- Check for new rules and procedures in updated Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Community Handbook (available online at [www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org](http://www.easternfreestyle-freeskiing.org))
- Check for new rules and procedures in the USSA Competition Guide (available online at [www.ussa.org](http://www.ussa.org)).

*December to March is for Events.*

- See Eastern Event Prep section in handbook.

*April is for Agenda Items for Eastern Meeting*

- Send any agenda items to the Eastern Chair for the Annual EFCC Spring Meeting.

## Section 4: Hosting an Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Event

The quality of your event reflects on your mountain, your mountain program and on Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing.

### How to schedule an event?

#### For new mountains looking to be added to Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Schedule:

- Contact the Eastern Chair with your request prior to March 15.
- Send a representative to the Annual EFCC Spring Meeting.

#### For mountains looking to host their annual event:

- Contact the Eastern Chair by May 1 to confirm dates.
- Send a representative to the Annual EFCC Spring Meeting.

#### For mountains looking to host an additional event mid-season:

- Contact the Eastern Chair ASAP.
- Contact the Judges Chair and the Rules and Tech Chair to determine whether officials are available.

#### For mountains looking to host a Championship event that are not on the current schedule rotation:

- Send the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Championship Request form to the Eastern Chair no later than March 15 – available on the Event Organizers page on the website. This request form includes which level championship they're interested in hosting, course specifications and possible banquet options.
- The proposal to be included as a new championship site would be discussed and decided upon at the Annual Spring EFCC meeting.
- The Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Championship Meet Proposal form can be found in the Appendix.

### What to do for a regular season event?

- Contact the Eastern Chair by May 1 to confirm dates.
- Send a representative to the Annual EFCC Spring Meeting.
- Complete USSA Schedule Agreements, available online at USSA.
- Send a copy of your completed USSA Schedule Agreements to the Eastern Office by Dec 1. This copy is due by December 1<sup>st</sup> or the mountain is subject to an additional \$50 processing fee. Payment will automatically be deducted from your Online Reimbursement.

### How does the rotation work for championship events?

- Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Championship host sites are managed by a rotation system. The current rotation schedule can be found in the Appendix and on the organizer page on the website.
- If a mountain chooses not to host a championship event on their scheduled year on the rotation, then they lose their spot in the rotation. In this scenario, the next mountain on the rotation is offered the championship event, provided that mountain is not already hosting another Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Championship during that same year. If the next mountain in line accepts the championship, the rotation would continue from that point on. If the next mountain in line cannot host the championship, they do not lose their place in the rotation, and an alternative host is found for the current year.

### Juniors, Nationals, Nor Am, World Cup Events

Any event organizer wishing to host one of the above events can find the USSA Bid package on the USSA website. These should be submitted ASAP and are often decided in the early spring for the upcoming competition season. Please note that different systems are in place when running these events and not all Eastern guidelines and procedures apply.

## Officials' Housing, Meals, Compensation, and Per Diem

- **Housing:** The hosting mountain must supply housing for the Eastern Officials that will be officiating at their competition. Lodging should be as close as possible to the mountain to avoid problems with transportation and morning delays. Judges cannot be housed with athletes and their families, however the Technical Delegate of your event can. Please be advised that judging panels are comprised of both sexes and it's not advisable to room them together. If you would like to know the possible make up of your judging panel please see the TD and judges schedule online at on the Officials page. The Head Judge and the TD will contact you at least two weeks prior to the event to discuss your event and to receive lodging information.
- **Meals:** • Meals must be provided for the Judges and Technical Delegate. If lunch is given on the day of the event, officials do not need to be compensated for that meal. Banquet tickets are considered compensation for officials' dinner.
- **Compensation:** The Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing office will compensate all officials – Judges and Technical Delegates. The Eastern Head Tax is what funds their fees and travel expenses.
- **Per Diems:** These payments should be ready for the Head Judge and Technical Delegate on arrival in CASH. Mountain coupons or vouchers are not an acceptable substitute for cash. Alternatively, an event organizer may note to have them deducted from their online reimbursement on the Eastern Head tax form. In this scenario Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing will include per diems in the officials' daily pay. Per diem is as follows:
  - • \$10 per day for Breakfast
  - • \$10 per day for Lunch
  - • \$20 per day for Dinner

## USSA Membership Required

All competitors must be USSA members to compete in any sanctioned USSA/Eastern Meet. It is strongly advised that all meet officials be USSA members with Officials' Licenses. All jury members - Technical Delegate, Chief of Competition and Head Judge/Judges MUST be USSA members. Any competitor may purchase a membership at a meet and it's the obligation of the Hosting Mountain to send that application along with fees due to USSA immediately.

## USSA Insurance

Be sure to apply to USSA for additional insurance if you are running an A meet in order to cover inverted and off-axis maneuvers. You cannot do this until your sanction form is filed, and it cannot be done at the last minute. Most mountain operations require this USSA certificate of insurance.

## Meet Information Form

At least two weeks prior to the event please send in the Event Information Form to the Eastern Chair for review. Once approved it will be posted on the web site. This eliminates MANY questions and concerns that your participants may have prior to an event. Please find form in the appendix, but also online as it should be submitted electronically.

## Trophies and Prizes

### *Regular Season EQS B Meet*

Event Organizers will award ribbons, medals or trophies to the top 3 places in each age group J3-J6, male and female. Participation ribbons may be given to J5's and MUST be given to all J6 male and female. Overall places should be awarded medals or trophies for the top 3 places male and female, not ribbons. J1 and J2 skiers are to be included in the overall results but not age group awards. Awards shall be provided for the top three male and female competitors based on the combined scores ("combined" being based on all events held at a competition) in all competitions holding more than one event. The quality of the combined awards is at the discretion of the event organizer. Team awards are not required, though host clubs may elect to manually determine a team award.

### *EQS State Championships*

For each event trophies should be awarded to the top ten places overall male and female. Combined trophies should be awarded to top three places overall male and female. There are no age group awards.

### *EQS Championships*

Overall trophies will be awarded to the top ten places for each event and combined for both men and women. No age group awards will be given. An EFCC representative will award The Philip Holmes Sportsmanship award (provided by USSA Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing) to the top J3-J6 skier by at EQS Championships. Certificates or ribbons recognizing participation shall be given to all J5 and J6 skiers. Combined skiers may receive a participation ribbon, as well.

### *Regular Season ECS A Meet*

Awards shall be presented to the top ten overall finishers male and female for each event without regard to age group for all events except dual moguls where awards for the top eight finishers should be awarded. Additionally, for aerials events event organizers must at minimum award the top three finishers, but if substantial participation is expected, then event organizers may choose to award the top ten. Awards shall be provided for the top three male and female competitors based on combined scores (combined being based on all events held at a competition) in all competitions holding more than one event. The quality of the combined awards is at the discretion of the event organizer. Team awards are not required, though host clubs may elect to manually determine a team award.

### *ECS Championships*

Overall trophies will be awarded to the top ten places for each event and combined for both men and women. Awards for ECS Championships shall be of higher quality than regular season. They should be trophies or medals (NOT RIBBONS).

### *ECS End of the Season Awards*

At the ECS Championships the following awards will need to be determined by an EFCC representative. USSA Eastern Division Freestyle provides the actual trophies. If you are hosting ECS Championships, please contact the Eastern Division Chair to discuss.

### *ECS Mogul MVP*

Highest FSP ranked male and female including ECS Championships

### *ECS Mogul Rookie*

Highest FSP ranked new male and female to the ECS level including ECS Championships

### *ECS Mogul Most Improved*

The male and female athlete that moved the most spots on the FSP from the Fall List to List #3 including ECS Championships.

### *ECS Aerial MVP*

Highest FSP ranked male and female including ECS Championships

### *ECS Freeride MVP*

Highest FSP ranked combined slopestyle and halfpipe male and female including ECS Championships

### *ECS Freeride Rookie*

Highest FSP ranked new male and female to the ECS level including ECS Championships

### *ECS Freeride Most Improved*

The male and female athlete that moved the most spots on the FSP from the Fall List to List #3 including ECS Championships.

### **Radios**

The Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing supplies radios. The radios need to be picked up by your coach at the event previous to yours. You are responsible for all equipment received and sent by you. Please when receiving the radios and bibs do a check count of all equipment. There will be a list and a sign-off sheet for you to sign once you have inspected and accounted for all items. Email or call the Eastern Office immediately if something is in disrepair or missing. On a daily basis during the meet please distribute and have officials, volunteers and other radio users check and sign out equipment. Remember the Host Mountain is responsible for this equipment. One important word of advise-make sure the radios are on "charge" at the end of the day. Dead radios in the morning will hold up the meet.

## Bibs

ECS "A" bibs are issued to athletes at the beginning of the season so they are responsible to have their bib for that day. Extra bibs will be included with the equipment you receive. Athletes that lose their bib may purchase another by paying a \$25 fee. Loaner bibs are available for a weekend with a \$20 deposit and a fee of \$5. EQS "B" bibs must be provided by the host mountains. You may ask to hold the competitors USSA card or \$20 in exchange for the bib.

## Online Registration and Reimbursement

Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing sub-contracts its event registration process, even though the web site looks like we handle it. The company, HF Tech, offers integration, allowing better alignment with the needs of the event organizers, competitors, and the parents (who do most of the registrations). Payment processing is handled by H. F Tech, Inc. HF Tech will remit Online Registration Reimbursements to hosting mountains and head tax payments directly to Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing. In order for this process to be initiated, event organizers must complete and send their head tax forms to the Eastern Office. The registration system will continue to be enhanced and suggestions can be made to [operations@easternfreestyle.org](mailto:operations@easternfreestyle.org).

## USSA Event Packets

You will find the USSA Event Packet in your Community Handbook binder. Please note the following highlights:

- Please refer to the USSA Competition Results Pack Checklist.
- Remember only ECS "A" events pay USSA head tax.
- USSA expects Event Organizers to print their own transmittal forms that are available online on the Event Look up page. Click on your event and the transmittal form will come up.

## Event Budgeting

In order to determine the appropriate entry fees to charge for an event it is helpful to determine a cost analysis. On the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing site there is a budget tool on the Organizer's page that will help to do this. The Excel spreadsheet tool captures meet costs, including official's housing and per diems, awards, lunches, coaches/workers lift tickets and any mountain charges. The estimated number of competitors then divides these costs. It then totals per competitor costs that would include head tax, ticket costs and any per competitor mountain charges. When these are added together it results the breakeven cost per competitor for an event, which should help to determine the entry fee to charge. Please find Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing Event Budget Tool in Appendix.

## Eastern Head Tax Forms

All Eastern events are subject to an Eastern Head Tax in order to pay the Officials and other divisional expenses. Event Organizers will not receive Online Reimbursement until they have submitted Eastern Head Tax form. Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing deducts head tax expenses from monies collected through online registration. Please find the Eastern Head Tax forms online so you can electronically submit them to [office@easternfreestyle.org](mailto:office@easternfreestyle.org). A copy of the head tax forms is in the Appendix of the handbook to help with event budgeting.

## Notes to Scorer

You scorer should download your meet registrations after registration closes. A file will be sent to you by the Eastern Office and is also available online. The scorer should also update their USSA people file (add link) as it will make registration easier for them.

## Day of Event

### Check In and Registration

- **Manpower:** It is recommended that you have at least 3 people to work registration and check in. One person can handle volunteer and coaches sign in and the other 2 can handle check in from online registration and any competitors signing up for the meet that day. For B meets it is helpful to have an extra person to help distribute bibs.
- **Materials for Registration:** See Appendix for Registration Materials Checklist.
- **Set-up:** Choose a spot in your club or lodge where the area is dedicated to registration if possible, as lines tend to form.

- **Volunteer Sign in:** Volunteers should sign a waiver form before issuing them a ticket for the day.
- **Officials and Coaches Sign in:** All officials and coaches must sign in before receiving a complimentary ticket or working the event for Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing. You must request that they show proof of a current USSA Coaches/Officials Membership card. Coaches must be on the approved coaches list posted on the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing website to obtain a ticket.
- **USSA Renewals:** During the early season meets you may want to be prepared to take USSA registrations and renews. Forms are available online. Alternatively athletes could use a computer to register online immediately.
- **Preliminary Run Orders:** It is helpful to post preliminary run orders so athletes and competitors will know about where they will be running. These run orders will change due to walk in registration on the day of the meet but will give a preliminary idea of where the competitor will run.

### Team Leader Meetings

- Team Leader meetings are required for invitational events in order to fill registration the night before the event if any space is available or injuries occur during official training.
- TD's / Chief of Competitions will sometimes host a coaches' meeting at the bottom of the course prior to an event to introduce him or herself and to discuss the day's events.
- Team Leader meetings **MUST** be hosted the night before an ECS A Dual Mogul event in order to create the run order for the following day.
- These meetings should be posted on your event information sheet.

### Run Orders

After registration is closed official run orders are generated. It is helpful to include on the run order cut offs for second run if necessary. Run orders should be sent to the top of the course for meet officials, the starter and assistant starter and coaches stationed at the top. Run orders should be sent to the bottom of the course for coaches and parents. Remember to reserve at least 10 copies of the run order at the bottom of the course for all the judges and meet officials. Run orders are necessary for the officials and coaches to do their jobs and make parents and spectators happy. At this time remember to generate run orders in timing format and get them to the timers on course.

### Description of Meet Officials and Workers

#### *Event Organizer*

This person is in charge of the coordination of the event prior to and during the competition. This includes the delegation of jobs, assigning or recruiting volunteers, organizing the events and paying the bills. Also, oversees the reports that must be transmitted and mailed to the EFCC and the USSA.

#### *Chief of Competition*

This person spends the day on the hill, helping to move the meet along in respect to coaches meetings in the morning, determining performance cut numbers, making sure run orders and results are processed and available, etc etc. This person is a member of the jury along with the Head Judge and Technical Delegate. This person should have a strong background in the rules and procedures of the sport of Freestyle and should be a neutral to the event to avoid possible conflict in the jury process. The Chief of Competition directs and controls the work of all officials, summons the meetings of the competition committee for consideration on technical questions and generally acts as chairman of the team captains' meetings, after consultation with the TD. The Chief of Competition is appointed by the Event Organizer and requires a USSA Official's license. They should attend the annual Eastern TD fall clinics.

#### *Judges*

The EFCC Judges Sub-Committee Chairperson assigns the Judges for your event. There may be up to 5 Judges for ECS (A) meets and 2 or 3 Judges for EQS (B) meets. The Head Judge will be your contact for all the Judges. The Head Judge is responsible to you and the Judges on the panel. The Head Judge will also fill out the Event Report Card in conjunction with the TD at the end of the event.

#### *Technical Delegate*

The EFCC Rules and Technical Sub-Committee Chairperson will assign a Technical Delegate (TD) for all Eastern ECS "A" Competitions and EQS "B" events. It is required that either the TD or Chief of

Competition is at the top and the bottom of the course. The TD needs to be an active member of venue prep and meet organization. The TD acts as technical consultant and chairman of the jury. The TD is responsible for ensuring that the technical preparations for the meet conform to specifications and safety rules. The TD ensures the course is safe for training and the competition, the technical rules are observed during the conduct of the meet and that all final documentation is prepared and accurate. If there is an injury or accident at your competition, the TD must fill out an [USSA Accident Report](#). The TD should also fill out the TD report online in the scoring program before departure. The TD will also fill out the Event Report Card in conjunction with the Head Judge. **Injuries at Events:** If there is an injury or accident at your competition, the Technical Delegate will fill out an USSA Accident Report.

**Protests:** If an athlete wishes to make a protest, then they should file the appropriate protest form included in the USSA event organizer packet, pay the appropriate fee and submit to the TD. The TD will meet with the rest of the members of the jury and a decision will be made. Minutes from the Jury decision (form included) should be taken and submitted to USSA along with the original protest form.

### *Chief of Course*

This person is responsible for the preparation of the course and must be familiar with the snow conditions and the terrain in concern. This person should recruit a course crew to help with course preparation and maintenance work during the event.

### *Competition Secretary*

This person is responsible for all secretarial work related to the competition. He must ensure that the official results contain the information required by rule. He is responsible for the minutes of the competition committee, jury and team captains' meetings. He must ensure that all forms for start, judging timing, calculation and protests are properly prepared and delivered in good order at the proper time. He must ensure that results are duplicated and distributed properly immediately following the competition.

### *Head of Registration*

This person receives monies owed to the event from competitors, prepares and hands out competition materials and keeps track of records and all accounting. This person works closely with the Chief of Calculations/Head Scorer.

### *Chief of Calculations/Head Scorer*

This person is responsible for the ongoing verification of scoring and calculations during the event. Someone who has been certified with the current freestyle, scoring program used by the Eastern Division, must hold this position. Dick and Nancy Stone will certify and update any one involved in scoring Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing Events and will hold clinics every fall. Please see Appendix for Scoring Supplies Checklist. This person assists the Chief of Calculating in the verification of scoring calculations during the competition. It is helpful to have two shifts for this job, as it may be tedious. Some important things for the scorer to note:

- Unofficial run orders **MUST** be ran the night before the event or prior to the start of the morning registration and posted at registration
- If a competitor that pre-registered is missing from the run order then the run order of their gender must be re-run in its entirety prior to the start of the competition.
- When registration closes on the morning of the event those competitors registering in the morning should be entered randomly at the end of their gender for ECS events, and at the end of their gender and in the appropriate age groups for EQS events.
- When setting up a USSA event – **NEVER CLICK** on elimination format – this will provide results **ONLY** based on second run.
- The **BEST** practice is to post unofficial results at the bottom of the course every 15 competitors. Mistakes are found earlier and generally do not hold up an event when this is done.
- For second run for the ECS, it is **CRUCIAL/MANDATORY** that you send complete results to the top and the bottom of the course.
- For second run for EQS events, if the event has less than 85 competitors and everyone is getting a second run – the same run order should be used. If there are more than 85 competitors a new run order **MUST** be sent to the hill (top and bottom). This run order should be based on a performance cut where women run 8 to 1, 9 and up and men run 16 to 1, 17 and up based on the results from first run. Additionally, copies of the complete results sheet from run one should also be sent to the hill.

### *Award Writers if Using Ribbons*

After the Judges have verified the results of the event, the ribbons/plaques need to be written out as to the names of the competitors receiving awards. A timesaving's hint... Awards can be prewritten out. The Scorer could provide/run a list of age groups so the Awards personnel can start writing out ribbons for age groups. Names can be added later after the Judges finalize the results.

### *Judges Assistants*

This person assists the Head Judge by stapling the scores and on-hill verification of scores. This person is responsible for keeping in order and bagging the scores that will be delivered to the Chief of Calculating. They also help the judges by getting supplies during the event like sharpened pencils, scoring pads and making the workplace on the hill more pleasant.

### *Chief of Sound-Announcer*

This can be one or more individuals depending if you use your own sound equipment or hire a sound company. The sport of Freestyle has always been associated with music from its beginning, and it is highly recommended that there be music at all events. The announcer should have a clear voice and be familiar with the sport of Freestyle as well as knowledge of the Competitors names and mountains.

### *Timing*

It is important that there is both electronic and hand timing for mogul events. Hand timing is important in case the electronic system should fail. When verifying scores at the end of the day judges must check the written output of the electronic system and/or any back up systems if necessary.

Timing in mogul events is mountain specific and may require anywhere from 3 to 5 people. Some mountains use two people to handle the electronic timing recording and 3 people for hand (backup) timing (one to rotate if it is cold). These individuals should be well rehearsed in using this equipment prior to the day's event. A majority of late starts at events have to do with timing issues.

### *Starter and Assistant Starter*

You will need two individuals to work together to organize and start the competitors at all freestyle events. These individuals should be friendly, compassionate, understanding but most of all direct and organized. The Starter and his/her Assistant are the key to keeping the meet moving along. They should be both introduced to the Head Judge before the event so a good interchange is established.

### *Score Runners*

Depending on where score input is taking place it is important to have a system in place to get the scores from the judges to the scorer. If scoring is not occurring on the hill where the judges are located score runners will be necessary to transport scores from the judges to the scorer. If the lap time is long it will be necessary to have more than 1 skier in this position.

## **Results**

- Results should be posted after each run if possible with the understanding that they are unofficial.
- At a minimum results should be posted after every 15 athletes in a readily accessible spot either on the course (best option) or in the base lodge.
- Scores must not be kept secret. Athletes and coaches should have the opportunity to review their scores as soon as available.
- Final results must be posted fifteen minutes before the awards ceremony. If there are any errors, then they can be noted prior to awards presentation.

## **At End of the Event**

### **Day of Wrap Up**

- ENSURE EASTERN RADIOS/ECS "A" bibs are picked up by a representative of the next weekend's host mountain.
- Immediately following the event, when the head judge has verified the results, the scorer should transmit the results electronically using the link found on Winfree.
- Make sure TD fills out TD Report on the scoring program so it transmits with your results.

### **Wrap with Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing**

- In order for Eastern Freestyle to process Registration Online Reimbursement, Event Organizers must submit the Eastern Head Tax forms, available online.
- Event Organizers should send an email to [operations@easternfreestyle.org](mailto:operations@easternfreestyle.org) approving any refunds for the event to athletes. See Eastern Refund policy.

### **Wrap up with USSA**

USSA will send you transmittal forms (Transmittal forms can also be printed right from the USSA freestyle page by going to events and clicking on the U code.) that need to be filled out and sent into USSA in addition to the following items:

- Hard copy of results signed by all officials
- Head tax accounting sheet and check made out to USSA. There is fee of \$4/competitor for "A" ECS events only, include DSQ and DNF and do not include USFST members.
- New USSA Membership Applications- IF ANY.
- Accident reports- IF ANY.
- Volunteer race worker forms- IF ANY.
- Protest form, jury decision- IF ANY.

## **Recommendations**

### *Officials in Eastern Pool*

It is strongly suggested to have a certified technical delegate and a certified scorer in your mountain's volunteer pool.

### *Parent Volunteers*

Create a parent volunteer base with an e-mail group list to help run your event.

### *Lunch for Volunteers*

Lunch should be provided on the mountain for all volunteers and event workers to help expedite the event. This will enable your meet to run on a timely basis. Remember: we are providing a product. There is rarely time for a full lunch break and everyone USUALLY eats lunch on the hill. The number of prepared lunches should be determined before the event and gone over so not to exclude any official, worker or volunteer. As for what types of lunches should be prepared. Remember you are working under cold conditions and food products tend to freeze. Also, your taste and others differ. Sandwiches made of Ham, Turkey, or Tuna with condiments on the side are the choice of officials. Avoid lettuce and tomato because they will freeze. Cookies, bite-size candy, and apples are excellent compliments. A very nice touch on those extremely cold days is thermoses of hot chocolate, broth or coffee. This will add a nice touch and warm up your officials, workers and volunteers for the cold afternoon ahead.

### *Appreciate the Officials*

Remember the Officials assigned to your Mountain are the backbone to seeing a successful event take place. Please treat them in a professional manner and your event will be a great success.

### *Competition Packets*

These are very helpful in expediting registration. Everything is pre-packed and when the competitor registers all you have to do is finalize his balance and hand over the packet. Packets would include: the lift ticket, trail map, bibs (EQS only) and any other items of interest to the event. This is also a good place to add sponsorship items and information for distribution to the Competitors.

### *Mountain Supplies for Meet*

We suggest that you use a large carrying Tupperware box for transporting the following supplies and equipment needed for the daily operation of running your Freestyle meet. Before sending the Box up the hill to the finish area please double check to make sure all supplies are on board. Not having supplies on the hill can delay your event that day. Check to be sure that all the pencils are sharpened and the stopwatches are ready to go. Another nice touch for your Officials, Workers and Volunteers is to put a large supply of hand warmer and hard candy in the box for those cold event days. You may want to put someone in charge of making sure that this box arrives on time and for distributing supplies to those workers needing such supplies. The person or persons best suited for this position

would be the Judge's Assistant and/or the Chief of Course. Make sure this box of equipment arrives in plenty of time and before the Officials get to the course to ensure a timely start to the day's event. See Appendix for *Mountain Supplies Checklist*.

## Appendix

Event Info Sheet

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Spectator Information:</b>		
<b>Lodging Information:</b>		
<b>Special Notes:</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
“For training days when applicable – put in date”	<b>Training tickets</b> Available where and cost	Times available
	<b>Training</b> Trail name	Time of training
“For first day of comp – date”	<b>Registration</b> Where	<b>07H15 - 8H30</b>
	<b>Parent Tickets</b> Available where and cost	At registration
	<b>Lift Opens</b> What lift is best to get to course	<b>08H30</b>
	<b>Course Inspection</b> Name of trail	<b>08H30 – 08H45</b>
	<b>Training – Moguls</b> Where	<b>08H45 – 09H45</b>
	<b>Course Preparation</b> Where	<b>09H45 – 10H00</b>
	<b>Forerunners</b> Where	<b>10H00 – 10H15</b>
	<b>Competition Start</b> Where	<b>10H15</b>
	<b>Awards Ceremony</b> Where	<b>One half hour after last run.</b>
	<b>Team Leaders’ Meeting</b>	
“For second day of comp – date”	<b>Registration</b> Where	<b>07H30 - 8H30</b>
	<b>Parent Tickets</b> Available where and cost	
	<b>Lift Opens</b> What lift is best to get to course	<b>08H30</b>
	<b>Course Inspection</b> Name of trail	<b>08H30 – 08H45</b>
	<b>Training – Big Air</b> Where	<b>08H45 – 09H45</b>
	<b>Course Preparation</b> Where	<b>09H45 – 10H00</b>
	<b>Forerunners</b> Where	<b>10H00 – 10H15</b>
	<b>Competition Start</b> Where	<b>10H15</b>
	<b>Awards Ceremony</b> Where	<b>One half hour after last run.</b>
“For third day of comp – date”	<b>Registration</b> Where	<b>07H15 - 8H30</b>
	<b>Parent Tickets</b> Available where and cost	Time available
	<b>Lift Opens</b> What lift is best to get to course	<b>08H00</b>
	<b>Course Inspection</b> Name of trail	<b>08H10 – 08H30</b>
	<b>Training – For what discipline</b> Where	<b>08H30 – 09H30</b>
	<b>Course Preparation</b> Where	<b>09H30 – 09H45</b>
	<b>Forerunners</b> Where	<b>09H45 – 10H00</b>
	<b>Competition Start</b> Where	<b>10H00</b>
	<b>Awards Ceremony</b> Where	<b>One half hour after last run.</b>

**Staffing List for Events**

Event Name:	
Date:	
Event Organizer:	
Asst. Event Organizer:	
Head of Registration:	
Asst 1:	
Asst 2:	
Asst 3:	
Asst 4:	
Asst 5:	
Asst 6:	
Scorer:	
Asst. Scorer:	
Score Card Reader:	
Score Recorder:	
Chief of Competition:	
Technical Delegate:	
Head Judge:	
Judges Asst:	
Judge 1:	
Judge 2:	
Judge 3:	
Judge 4:	
Judge 5:	
Starter:	
Asst. Starter 1:	
Asst. Starter 2:	
Chief of Course:	
Course Worker 1:	
Course Worker 2:	
Course Worker 3:	
Course Worker 4:	
Chief of Sound/Announcing:	
Asst. Chief of Sound/Announcing:	
Chief of Timing:	
Timing Asst 1:	
Timing Asst 1:	
Timing Asst 1:	
Timing Asst 1:	

## **In House Staff Responsibilities**

1. Competition Director Responsibilities
  - a. Date Approval
  - b. Schedule Agreement Processing
  - c. Budget Approval
  
2. Freestyle Office Responsibilities
  - a. Liaison between mountain and Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing/USSA
  - b. Field questions from competitors and parents
  - c. Schedule all staffing for event
  - d. Advise Competitions Director of all needs
  - e. Advise Race Secretary of all needs
  
3. Race Secretary Responsibilities
  - a. Process lift ticket order and process left-overs
  - b. Provide registration with all staffing and supplies
  - c. Deposit all monies
  - d. Fill out Eastern and USSA head tax forms
  - e. Approve refunds for Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing to grant. Send email to: [office@easternfreestyle.org](mailto:office@easternfreestyle.org)
  
4. Ski Club Race Crew Coordinator Responsibilities
  - a. Provide race crew when requested.
  - b. Ensure proper credit is given to volunteers
  
5. Competitions Director Responsibilities
  - a. Liaison between ski club and Mt. Operations
  - b. Ensure race crew staff is prepared to assist with construction of venue
  - c. Arrange lodging and per diems for officials
  - d. Coordinate lodging with officials
  - e. Order lunch supplies
  - f. Order trophies
  
6. Freestyle Coaching Staff Responsibilities
  - a. Liaison between ski club and grooming/snowmaking
  - b. Build course
  - c. Set up venue
  - d. Break down venue
  - e. Store all course paraphernalia

**Officials Lodging Sheet**

**Date of Lodging Reservations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check-in Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check-In Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location of Lodging:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Directions:</b>

**Names on Reservation:**


**Cost of Lodging for Budget:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Needs form for Competitions Director – Event #1

<b>Event Name:</b>	
<b>Event Date:</b>	
<b>Lunches:</b>	
<b>Staging Size:</b>	
<b>Officials Lodging:</b>	
<b>Officials Per Diem:</b>	
<b>Officials Compensation:</b>	
<b>Trophies:</b>	<b>See chart – next section</b>

## Trophy Order Chart

### Trophy Chart for EQS B Regular Season Events

For each event:	1	2	3
<b>F3 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>F4 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>F5 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>F6 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>M3 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>M4 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>M5 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>M6 – 1<sup>st</sup> place – 3<sup>rd</sup> place</b>	1	1	1
<b>Overall Competition Male</b>	1	1	1
<b>Overall Competition Female</b>	1	1	1

### Trophy Chart for each ECS Regular Season event

Event type/place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Men's moguls</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Women moguls</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Men's dual moguls</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Women's dual moguls</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Men's half pipe</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Women's half pipe</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Men's slopestyle</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Women's slopestyle</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Men's Aerial</b>	X	X	X							
<b>Women's Aerial</b>	X	X	X							
<b>Men's Overall Competition</b>	X	X	X							
<b>Women's Overall Competition</b>	X	X	X							

In the table above – 1-10 should read 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, etc. and the 1-3 should read 1<sup>st</sup> Overall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall.

**Trophy Chart for NorAm Event**

<b>Event type/place</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Men's moguls</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Women's moguls</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Men's dual moguls</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Women's dual moguls</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>



### **Registration Supplies**

- Print Alphabetical Registration List from Winfree
- Print the Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing-Freeskiing Coaches List from website
- Pens
- Pencils
- Post-it notes
- Meet registration forms for walk in registrations
- A few Information sheets to be posted
- A few unofficial run orders to be posted
- Bibs for B meets and extra bibs for A meets (travel with radios)
- Competition packages if available
- Cash to make change (\$100 in \$5, \$100 in \$10 and \$100 in \$20) and cash box
- Extra trail maps
- Wickets for tickets

### **Judges Stand Supplies**

- Pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Pens
- Stapler
- Staples
- Staple remover
- Large Plastic Zip-Lock bags-1 full box
- Clipboards - 1 for each judge • 3 for scoring • 1 for the starter
- Tissues
- 3 stop watches and extra batteries if needed buy the watches
- Roll of duct tape
- Plastic wire ties
- RUN ORDERS.

### **Chief of Course Supplies**

In addition to normal course set-up, the following items are necessary:

- Trash bags for top and bottom of the course.
- 5 Bags of chopped pine bow for visibility issues: One bag at each jump for the landings, two at the start to cycle around for the two comp days on the course, and one extra just in case you run out.
- Paint for marking the jumps, blue'ing can work for start and finish lines. Using paint on the jumps is cleaner. Paint for marking starting line, jumps and the finish line.
- 1 Shovel at the start.
- Drill at the start.
- 4 to 6 sharpened shovels at each jump on mogul courses
- 10 to 15 sharpened shovels on aerial sites
- Mountain radios at each jump for the maintenance crew so that the Chief of Course can contact them if there are any issues.

### **Scoring Supplies**

Materials needed to perform the duties are as follows:

- PC computer – scoring program is not compatible with Apple computers
- Printer
- Paper
- Post-it Notes
- Pens
- Pencils
- Paper clips
- Stapler and staples
- Scotch tape or tack for hanging scores
- Current USSA Competition Guide and any Eastern Rule Addendums.
- Plastic bags for holding scores